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H. R. 1623

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 18, 2013

Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD (for herself, Mr. COOK, Mr. RUIZ, and Ms. KUSTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “VA Claims Efficiency
5 Through Information Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION**
2 **ABOUT PENDING AND COMPLETED CLAIMS**
3 **FOR COMPENSATION UNDER THE LAWS AD-**
4 **MINISTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF VET-**
5 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 51 of title
7 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
8 the following new section:

9 **“§ 5109C. Information about pending and completed**
10 **claims**

11 “(a) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—The Sec-
12 retary shall maintain on the Internet website of the De-
13 partment publicly accessible information about pending
14 and completed claims for compensation under chapter 11
15 of this title. Such information shall include each of the
16 following:

17 “(1) For each regional office—

18 “(A) the average number of days between
19 the date of the submittal of a claim and the
20 date of the decision with respect to the claim
21 for each of the preceding 3-month and one-year
22 period;

23 “(B) the average number of days such a
24 claim is pending during the preceding 3-month
25 and one-year periods;

1 “(C) the quality and accuracy rating of the
2 claims adjudication process during the pre-
3 ceding 3-month and one-year periods;

4 “(D) the number of claims pending;

5 “(E) the number of pending claims that
6 have been pending for more than 125 days; and

7 “(F) the number of claims completed dur-
8 ing—

9 “(i) the current month, to date;

10 “(ii) the month preceding current
11 month;

12 “(iii) the current calendar year, to
13 date; and

14 “(iv) the calendar year preceding the
15 current calendar year; and

16 “(2) For each medical condition for which a
17 claim for compensation is submitted—

18 “(A) the average number of days between
19 the date of the submittal of a claim relating to
20 such medical condition and the date of the deci-
21 sion with respect to the claim for each of the
22 preceding 3-month and one-year period;

23 “(B) the average number of days such a
24 claim is pending during the preceding 3-month
25 and one-year periods;

1 “(C) the quality and accuracy rating of the
2 claims adjudication process as applied to claims
3 relating to such medical condition during the
4 preceding 3-month and one-year periods;

5 “(D) the number of pending claims relat-
6 ing to such condition;

7 “(E) the number of such pending claims
8 that have been pending for more than 125 days;
9 and

10 “(F) the number of claims relating to such
11 medical condition completed during—

12 “(i) the current month, to date;

13 “(ii) the month preceding current
14 month;

15 “(iii) the current calendar year, to
16 date; and

17 “(iv) the calendar year preceding the
18 current calendar year.

19 “(b) UPDATES.—The Secretary shall update the in-
20 formation on the website under subsection (a) not less fre-
21 quently than once every seven days.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
23 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding

- 1 at the end of the items relating to such subchapter the
- 2 following new item:

“5109C. Information about pending and completed claims.”.

